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Group Art Unit: 2833

Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR GROUNDING A PROCESSOR BOARD

Mail Stop RCE

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) 37 CFR 1.114

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 CFR 1.114 is effective on May 20, 2000. If the above- application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under CFR 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

Submission under 37 CFR 1.114

() Previously submitted:

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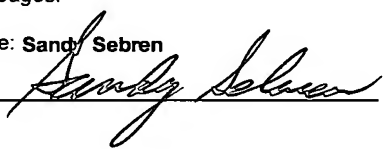
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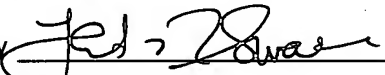
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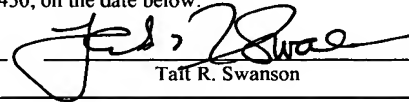
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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
AND AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

In response to the Advisory Action mailed March 4, 2004 and the Final Office Action mailed December 8, 2003, the Applicants respectfully request continued examination of the above-referenced application. In addition, the Applicants request reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in view of the following amendments and remarks.